
URBAN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM 2006 ANNUAL REPORT TO NHLA

Members of the Urban Libraries Section of New Hampshire Library Association are libraries in the state serving a population of at least 18,001 and are certified libraries as defined by the standards established by the New Hampshire State Library. The top two administrative positions in the member libraries are eligible to represent the libraries at Urbans meetings.

The organization's objectives are:

1. To provide increased communication and information exchange among urban public library administrators.
2. To promote mutual understanding of library issues and problems statewide and nationally, and to address those issues.
3. To promote the marketing of the library as a resource for community development and civic infrastructure.
4. To achieve operational economies through cooperation.
5. To encourage development of professional management and leadership skills, and to apply those skills to librarianship.

2006 officers are:

- Chair: Janet Angus Merrimack
- Vice Chair: Michelle Sampson Milford
- Treasurer: Mary Ann Senatro Bedford
- NHLA Rep: Sue McCann Portsmouth

The meeting topics, dates and locations for 2006 are:

Date	Topic	Location
Jan	No meeting due to weather	
Feb 24	Goal setting for 2006 and tour of the renovated and enlarged Laconia Public Library	Laconia
Mar	No meeting due to PLA	
Apr 28	NELINET workshop on Blogs, RSS and Wikis	Merrimack
May 26	Policies relating to new technologies	Milford
Jun 23	PLA – the aftermath: what have you/will you use from the conference in your library and tour of the new Portsmouth Public Library building (under construction)	Portsmouth
Jul-Aug	No meetings	
Sep 22	Downloadable audio books	Bedford
Oct 27	Special populations	Keene
Nov	No meeting	
Dec 8	Successful programs	Nashua
Jan 26 '07	Goal setting for 2007	Concord

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The consortium, along with member libraries, sponsored and paid for a full day NELINET *Blogs, RSS and Wikis* workshop for staff of Urban libraries. The workshop was held at the Bedford Public Library in May.

The Urbans bylaws were amended to reflect current practices of the organization at the May 26th meeting.

The Urbans will sponsor a program at the Spring 2007 NHLA Conference, as they have done in the past.

Sue McCann, Portsmouth, developed an Urbans website, which is part of the NHLA website at <http://nh.gov/nhla/urbans.htm>

Cathy Beaudoin, Dover, is collecting information for the Urban Libraries Annual Salary Survey. The Excel spreadsheet form is online at <http://nh.gov/nhla/urbrpts.htm>. When data is collected the spreadsheet will be updated online.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McCann
Urbans Representative to NHLA